

Important Notice regarding the Selection of Exchange Student

The Faculty of Social Sciences, Waseda University pays special attention and makes the utmost efforts to assist international students with enjoying a safe and comfortable student life. However, in recent years, there have been cases of serious incidents and accidents, as well as cases that are very difficult to respond to, which affect the safety of students during their time abroad.

The Faculty of Social Sciences, Waseda University tries hard to foresee danger and to take precautions against possible accidents. Therefore, in order to respond smoothly when it is necessary, we would like to ask our partner universities to confirm and stress the following points during the study abroad candidate selection and pre-departure orientation.

- 1) Ensure that the student is in a good state of health, both physically and emotionally, which allows him/her to withstand a one-year study abroad program.
- 2) Even if there are no health-related hindrances for the student to study abroad for one year, please make sure that either the student personally or through their University informs the Faculty of Social Sciences, Waseda University beforehand of any of the following: if the student has a medical history that requires regular outpatient treatment in Japan; if the student requires special support from the University.
- 3) Ensure that the student enrolls in Studying Abroad (Travel) Insurance, which covers the student from the time of departure to the time of their return to their home country. International Students will be enrolled in the National Health Insurance after their arrival in Japan. However, we advise students to enroll in an insurance program before their arrival in Japan that will cover costs not covered by our country's National Health Insurance*. Recently, there has been an increase of bodily injuries occurring when riding bicycles. Cycling accidents that cause injury to a third party will result in an enormous compensation of damages. In situations like this, the responsibility will be borne by the international students themselves.

*During their stay in Japan, students must be registered for the National Health Insurance which covers 70% of medical fees. This National Health Insurance covers only medical related fees.

Furthermore, in the event that the Faculty of Social Sciences, Waseda University has come to the conclusion that the continuation of student exchange has become difficult due to incidents, accidents, illnesses, or other misfortunes that occur during the study abroad period, upon consultation with the partner university, measures such as sending the exchange student home will be taken accordingly.

Your cooperation on this matter will be greatly appreciated.

●As the applicant for the Study Abroad Exchange Program, I “_____”(Print Applicant's name) certify that I have verified all information contained in the application for accuracy and completeness.

●As the Study Abroad Exchange Coordinator of _____(Print Institution name), I “_____”(Print Coordinator's name) certify that all the information contained in the application have been verified for accuracy and completeness.

Student Signature:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Print clearly)

(month/day/year)

E-mail: _____

Exchange Program Coordinator Signature:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Print clearly)

(month/day/year)

E-mail: _____